

Amendments To The Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 4, 10 and 12; and add claims 17-20, as set forth in the following listing of claims:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A conversation game comprising a plurality of hand-held signs, each sign having a handle portion and a second portion for displaying indicia selected to promote individual or group comments, ~~actions or reactions~~ or orderly conversation amongst a group of people.
2. (original) The invention of claim 1 in which each sign is relatively thin and double-sided to have a front panel and a rear panel for displaying such indicia.
3. (original) The invention of claim 2 in which the handle portion and second portion are of the same thickness such that the plurality of signs is stackable to a compact stack for storage and use.
4. (currently amended) ~~The invention of claim 3 in which~~ A conversation game comprising a plurality of hand-held signs, each sign having a handle portion and a second portion for displaying indicia selected to promote individual or group comments, actions or reactions, each sign being relatively thin and double-sided to have a front panel and a rear panel for displaying such indicia, the handle portion and second portion being of the same thickness such that the plurality of signs is stackable to a compact stack for storage and use, each sign handle portion ~~defines~~ defining an axis which bisects the sign's second portion, the second portion being generally symmetrical about the axis.

5. (original) The invention of claim 1 comprising a retainer penetrating through the handle portions of the plurality of signs such that the signs are loosely assembled together for selective display of individual signs.
6. (original) The invention of claim 5 including a plurality of indicia means, each representing a particular comment or thought, each indicia means being attachable to the second portion of one of the signs to personalize the signs assembled together.
7. (original) The invention of claim 6 in which the retainer is a ring, and in which each handle portion is formed with an opening through which the ring extends, the ring having a cross-sectional diameter smaller than the opening through each handle portion.
8. (original) The invention of claim 7 in which each sign is relatively thin and double-sided to have a front panel and a rear panel for displaying such indicia.
9. (original) The invention of claim 8 in which each sign handle portion defines an axis which bisects the sign's second portion, the second portion being generally symmetrical about the axis.
10. (currently amended) The invention of claim 1, wherein the second portion is larger than the handle portion in a direction along which the indicia are printed.
11. (original) The invention of claim 1, further comprising a kit for the plurality of signs.

12. (currently amended) A plurality of hand-held paddles, each having a hand-grip portion and a larger portion, each said hand-grip portion defining a longitudinal axis, each said larger portion extending axially away from the hand-grip portion, the larger portion being symmetrical about an axis bisecting the larger portion and hand-grip portion, the larger portion and hand-grip portion having generally the same thickness such that the plurality of paddles are compactly stackable for use and storage, each larger portion having a front side and a rear side with indicia selected to promote individual or group comments, actions or reactions.

13. (original) The invention of claim 12, further comprising a kit for the plurality of signs.

14. (original) The invention of claim 12, further comprising a retainer for holding the plurality of signs in a loosely assembled fashion.

15. (original) The invention of claim 12, further comprising a quantity of indicia means, each of which is configured to be applied to the larger portion of one of the signs.

16. (original) The invention of claim 15 comprising a kit for the plurality of signs, the retainer, and a quantity of indicia means each of which is configured to be applied to the larger portion of one of the signs.

17. (new) The invention of claim 5 wherein each sign is rotatable relative to the other signs about an axis perpendicular to the signs.

18. (new) The invention of claim 1 wherein the second portion is between $3 \frac{3}{16}$ and 6 inches in width and between 2 and 4 inches in height.

19. (new) The invention of claim 18 wherein the second portion is wider than the first portion.

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20. (new) The invention of claim 12 wherein the paddles are formed of cork, pressboard or cardboard, and are configured to be used as coasters.